

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITIES.

A Very Successful Masonic Excursion—A Beautiful Jewel—The Rechabites, Golden Cross, and Independent Mechanics.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Dawson No. 16, Monday, 23d; Federal No. 1, Tuesday, 23d; New Jerusalem No. 9, Thursday, 25th; St. John's No. 11, Friday, 26th; Hope, No. 30, Friday, 26th.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Cathedral: Harmony No. 17, Thursday, 25th. Blue-Room: Arminius No. 25, Monday, 23d; Acacia No. 18, Tuesday, 23d.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—George C. Whiting No. 23, Thursday, 25th.

Masonic Hall, Brightwood—Stansbury No. 25, Monday, 23d.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—Mount Vernon No. 3, Monday, 23d; Washington No. 2, Thursday, 25th; Eureka No. 4, Friday, 26th.

Masonic Hall, Georgetown—Potomac No. 8, Tuesday, 23d.

Commanderies Knights Templar.—Masonic Temple—Washington No. 1, Wednesday, 24th; De Molay No. 4, Tuesday, 23d.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.—Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh, Tuesday, 23d.

It is very gratifying, in view of the worthy ends to be obtained, to hear that the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Home, New York, have now in bank nearly \$250,000.

Brother George S. Atwater, the Junior Deacon of Harmony Lodge, has returned to the city from his recent business trip West in connection with his large bicycle business in this city.

Hope Lodge, No. 20, held a special communication on Wednesday for the purpose of burying with Masonic honors their late brother, William T. Bailey, who died Sunday, June 14, of paralysis of the throat.

Bro. Joseph C. Taylor, 33d degree, Commander Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh, is out and able to attend to his business, much to the satisfaction of his friends, who were somewhat alarmed at his recent illness.

Among the popular Masters who are working very earnestly for the fraternity and the success of their lodges is Bro. J. B. Henderson of New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9. This lodge also numbers among its Past Masters many names well known in Masonic circles, among whom are those of Past Grand Masters E. H. Chamberlain, A. W. Kelley, William E. Dennison, Martin O'Connor, Harrison Dingman, S. S. Burdette, H. C. Bowers, and A. H. Fergenson.

The universality of the order is often talked about by Masons who have traveled and met through the medium of the brotherhood so many warm friends in distant countries. Even in India outside of the lodges, whose members are in the majority Christians, there are to be found several Parsee lodges, held under the authority of the English and Scottish constitutions; there is also a Mahomedan lodge under the Scottish and a Hindoo lodge under the English constitution.

The Shriners of Lulu Temple, Philadelphia, Bourn of Baltimore, and Almas of this city are going to meet in happy reunion at Bay Ridge on St. John's day, the 24th instant. They are, of course, going to have a good time and a large delegation from Washington will attend. It has been suggested, and very properly that as Naval Lodge, No. 4, will give an excursion to that resort on the same day that the Shriners purchase their tickets from the members of the lodge and this suggestion will doubtless be carried out by those who are cognizant of the arrangement.

New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, will work the first and second degrees Thursday evening, Harmony Lodge, No. 17 will confer the second degree Thursday evening, Arminius Lodge, No. 25, will confer the first degree Monday evening, Eureka Chapter, No. 4, will confer the Mark degree Friday evening, Washington Chapter, No. 2, will confer the Mark degree Thursday evening, Hope Lodge, No. 20, will confer the third degree Friday evening, La Fayette Chapter, No. 5, will confer the Royal Arch degree June 23 and also on the evening of June 30. Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, will confer the Mark degree Monday evening.

Brother George Haas, Jr., has recently purchased one of the handsomest combination Jewels the writer has ever seen. On one side is the double eagle, denoting the rank of thirty-second degree, surrounded by other emblems of the Scottish Rite, in the center of which is a magnificent solitaire diamond of the purest water. On the other side is the Templar emblem, and on pressing a spring the jewel opens and the capillary mark is exposed together with the tiger claws and and scimitar of the Shrine. The entire design is wrought in gold, relieved with enameling of the proper symbolical hues, in which the "eternal blue" of the lodge is given a prominent place. Brother Haas is to be congratulated in having secured one of the handsomest Jewels in the city.

The Order of the Temple was conferred at the stated convocation of Columbia Commandery No. 2 Friday evening, the members appearing in the full uniforms of the order. At the preceding convocation among the honored guests were Very Eminent Sirs A. B. McKean, Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, and Past Commanders W. H. Wilkie, of Crawfordville Commandery, Indiana, and Warren H. Orent, of Washington Commandery No. 1. The Eminent Commander John K. Robinson, highly commends the knightly interest which is being manifested in the affairs of the commandery. The attendance at the convocations is excellent, in spite of the warm weather which so far as heat goes, could hardly be improved on.

The amount of detail work devolving upon the officers of the Scottish Rite and especially the secretaries of the various bodies, is nearly beyond comprehension, but the system which is practiced is so thorough and perfect that either Brothers Room, Holt or Ball are able at a moment's notice to give any desired information or find any paper or document that is needed. In addition to his other work Brother Room is also secretary of Osiris Lodge, No. 26, and the manner in which their records are so accurately kept is due to his

thirty years' or more, experience, the best methods of which have been introduced in the management of the affairs of this thriving young lodge. The minutes and other records are a complete index of each other and a vast amount of unnecessary work is obviated by a systematic method which is at once accurate and thorough.

The complimentary excursion of Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14 will be repeated on Tuesday, the 23d. The steamers Arrowsmith and Pilot Boy will leave at the same hours, 10 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. About 1,000 of the invited guests of the lodge enjoyed the excursion of last Thursday, but owing to inclemency of the evening a large number were debarred from the pleasure of joining their friends who had taken the early boats, consequently the lodge has made arrangements for a repetition of the excursion. During the evening Mr. L. A. Roginski highly amused the audience gathered in the pavilion with a fine exhibition of stereopticon views, which were both interesting and instructive.

The excursion of Columbia Commandery Drill Corps on Tuesday was a great success and reflected credit upon the executive committee, Sir George A. Darling, chairman; Sir F. H. Thomas, Sir C. E. Bronson, Sir G. W. Hall, and Sir W. J. Byers. While each member of the committee worked hard, yet the earnest and unremitting efforts of the chairman are worthy of especial commendation. On the boat the following programme was rendered: Overture, medley, Capital Minstrel Company, "Martha's Wedding Day," Mr. Sutcliffe; "Down on the Farm," Mr. Thornton; recitation, E. B. Hay; "A High Old Time," Mr. Allen; "Comrades," Mr. Roberts; "Upper Ten and Lower Five," Messrs. Allen and Middleton; "Dreams," Mr. Benham; selection, Sir E. B. Hay; "A Mother's Appeal," Mr. Skerrett; "Johnny Deep," Mr. Judson; "Out of the Deep," Mr. Middleton; "Dese Bones Shall Rise Again," Mr. Welch. On arriving at the grounds the drill corps, preceded by the band, marched to the lawn in front of the mansion, where a dress parade was held, after which an exhibition drill was given, the good points of which brought out hearty applause from the spectators. Dancing in the pavilion occupied the balance of the evening, an attractive programme of nine dances being concluded before the electric searchlight began to hunt up the lonely couples who lined the shore and the whistle sounded "All aboard." Among those present were Past Commanders John R. Thompson, Abner T. Longely and families, Matthew Trimble and ladies, George Gibson and family, Robert Ball and daughters, E. B. Hay and wife, S. H. Merrill and ladies, William Pitts and wife, A. J. Terry, Frank H. Thomas and wife, Eminent Commander John K. Robinson, B. C. Allen and wife, P. A. Auer, L. C. Gridley and wife, George Butterfield and wife, Orville Johnson and wife, Francis Fava, Jr., Lewis T. Lewis, C. E. Bronson, and the following sir knights: Hosford, Constant, Quarst, Olinus Smith, C. B. Smith, Senett, Morgau, Gawler, W. J. Byers, G. W. Hall, Hardy, Walker, J. W. Johnston, H. A. Johnston, Dr. William Johnson, Pratt, Willis, Van Dusen, many of whom were accompanied by ladies. Among the guests from foreign jurisdictions were noticed Past Commander Harward, of Kansas. The executive committee are under many obligations for the courtesies extended by the officers of the Macalester, and especially to genial Capt. Blake and the purser Mr. Joseph Bedon.

Independent Order Mechanics.

On Tuesday evening Columbia Lodge No. 1 held an unusually large meeting. The first degree was conferred in a creditable manner. Grand Architect Robert Wilson and Charles Smith, of Lafayette Lodge of Baltimore, were among the visitors. This lodge has organized a uniformed legion, the equipments for which have arrived. At Capital Lodge No. 11, Wednesday evening, E. E. Dobson was elected to membership. Brother Weaver was reported convalescent and Brother Sprindler as still quite sick. The lodge has organized a degree team and it is very proficient. The committee appointed at the last session of the Supreme Lodge for the purpose of promulgating a new ritual have already taken the matter into consideration. The committee is composed of members from this jurisdiction, being Past Grand Architect J. W. Thompson, Past Supreme Ruler H. E. Weaver and Past Grand Architect E. G. Eichelberger. At Friendship Lodge No. 7 the 2d degree was conferred on Joseph Keithly. Max Weidman, Maurice Lieberman, I. Garner, Simon Griseberg, and J. E. Garrett made application for membership. This lodge has an expert degree team. Degrees will be conferred at the meeting next Thursday night, when nominations for officers for the ensuing term will take place. Friendship Lodge No. 7 will give its annual excursion to Bay Ridge on the 24th of July. "Jim" Will, Supreme Treasurer, of Baltimore, was in town a few days on a visit to friends. At Lafayette Lodge, No. 13, nomination and election of officers will take place June 25. Every member is requested to be present. The committee on good of the order of the Grand Lodge will meet in the ante-room of this lodge June 25 at 8:30. Brother Charles Smith of Lafayette Lodge, No. 7, of Baltimore is in the city spending a few days with his father.

Golden Cross Notes.

Goodwill Commandery meets to-morrow evening at Scottish Rite Hall. The third degree will be conferred and the officers for the ensuing term will be elected. National Commandery meets to-morrow evening at Harris Hall. The degrees will be conferred on five candidates and officers will be elected. Columbia Commandery meets on Tuesday evening at the Fifth Congressional Church. The degrees will be conferred on ten candidates and officers elected. At Meridian Commandery the degrees will be conferred and officers elected. Capital Commandery Saturday evening will elect officers. At the last meeting of Capital Commandery the resignations of the Noble Commander Jas. F. Kilgore, and Worthy Herald Wm. B. Marlow were accepted, and D. L. Gold and Frank E. Newton were elected to fill the vacancies. The second and third degrees were conferred on George Murphy, Wallace S. Stetson, Mrs. Lucy H. Diver, Mrs. Mina Holmes and Miss Mary L. Kilgore. A proposition was submitted to increase the quarterly dues and the fee for the writing of cards. At the last regular meeting of Mount Vernon Commandery Vice Noble Commander Miss Emma V. Dulin presided, assisted by Grand Commander Ehle. Applications for membership were received from Everett L. Phillips, Charles D. Alderson and Thomas T. Keller. The degrees were conferred on W. A. McGrath, Charles A. Cotterill, Alva C. Starin, George M. Russell, M. R. Thorp and F. O. Congdon. The following officers were elected for the term beginning July 1: Noble Commander, J. H. A. Fowler; Vice Noble Commander, Miss Emma V. Dulin; Worthy Herald, Dr. Harlow R. Stet; Noble Keeper of Records, M. L. Venable; Financial Keeper of Records, David Cranmer; Treasurer, Kenneth S. Muxchison; Worthy Herald, C. G. Harrison; Warden Inner Gate, Miss Clara E. Lewis; Warden Outer Gate, H. G. Isel, and Past Noble Commander, John R. Stier. At the regular meeting of the following officers were elected for the term beginning July 1: Noble Commander, Thomas J. Putnam; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Nellie Otterback; Worthy Herald, Mrs. Carrie M. King; Noble Keeper of Records, James H. Dony; Financial Keeper of Records, David C. Smithson; Treasurer, George F. Piles; Worthy Herald, Mrs. Eliza F. Watson; Warden Inner Gate, Mrs. Mary L. Symonds; Warden Outer Gate, Charles F. Watson, and Past Noble Commander, Stephen Symonds. The officers will be publicly installed July 15 by Grand Commander Ehle. At the meeting of Halcyon Commandery on Friday evening the degrees were conferred on John C. Swift, Jr. The following officers were elected for the term beginning July 1: Noble Commander, Willis S. Stetson; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Mary R. Stetson; Worthy Herald, James V. Loveless; Noble Keeper of Records, James T. Watson; Noble Keeper of Records, Robert D. Maston; Treasurer, James S. Sharp; Worthy Herald, John C. Swift, Jr.; Warden Inner Gate, Mrs. Rosina M. Humphrey; Warden Outer Gate, Thomas Humphrey; Past Noble Commander, Gerhart E. Toepfer. Remarks on the good of the order were made by Grand Commander Ehle, Noble Commander J. A. Dickinson, of Columbia Commandery, and others.

Independent Order of Rechabites.

The entertainment of the Eagle Juniors in Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, Monday evening was a success. Grand Chief Ruler J. J. Murray conducted the exercises, which consisted of instrumental music by the Masters Pallas, songs by the Misses Mills, Misses Florence and Annie Lyles, of Alexandria, and Mr. Steward; recitations by Miss Mills and Miss Florence Lyles, exhibition drill by Captain William McCathran's Eagle Junior drill team, and remarks by High Secretary-Treasurer L. H. Patterson. Very reasonable hotel rates have been obtained in Atlantic City for the Representatives during the session of the High Tent, which convenes in that city on the 14th of next month. S. B. Clements Tent No. 3, Clements' Hall, 624 K street northwest, had five candidates last Wednesday evening, and elected nine, who are to be initiated next Wednesday. High Chief Ruler A. M. Dever will deliver his address on the "Past, Present, and Future of the Temperance Reform Movement" in the Baptist Church, Alexandria, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and on "Total Abstinence Giants in History," in the Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, this evening at 8 o'clock. The Friendship Juniors are working zealously for the success of their excursion to River View next Wednesday. Redemption Tent No. 144 at its next meeting will be addressed by Past Grand Chief Ruler E. S. Woodford. During the past two weeks L. H. Patterson during the past two weeks has sent supplies for tents to Maryland, North Carolina, and West Virginia. Virginia Tent No. 5, Golden Rule No. 33 (Woman's Branch), and Golden Rule Juniors, Alexandria, have leased a hall to be fitted up and known as Rechabite Hall.

CHANGED THE BILL.

Clever Ruse of a Lawyer Which Secured His Client's Acquittal.

In a trial in the United States Court, where a young man had been indicted for passing a counterfeit \$10 bill, the counsel of the latter, C. A. Baldwin, objected to Gen. Strickland's course in endeavoring to prove by business men the fact that the bill in question was a counterfeit, but to no purpose.

Finally, improving a favorable chance Mr. Baldwin substituted a good bill for the counterfeit, which genuine money Gen. Strickland then proved by three business men to be the rankest kind of counterfeit. Thereupon Mr. Baldwin vehemently demanded that attention be given to his objections, and Judge Dundy insisted that the District-Attorney send out for a bank cashier and an expert.

With great confidence Gen. Strickland handed to the expert the bill—after establishing his business and his experience in handling money—and said:

"I want to know whether in your opinion that bill is good or bad?"

"This is a good bill, sir," returned the witness.

"What!" shouted the Attorney, "do you mean to say that bill is not a counterfeit?"

"Yes, sir; if you will bring it down to the Omaha National Bank we will give you the gold for it."

Then there was a scene, in the midst of which Mr. Baldwin managed to explain to the Court that he had changed bills without the knowledge of the District-Attorney, and that in view of the fact that three good business men had testified that a genuine bill was a counterfeit he thought considerable allowance should be made for his client—an ignorant country boy—in mistaking a counterfeit for a good bill. The jury was evidently impressed with the idea, for it returned a verdict of acquittal.

Detective and Ambassador.

New York Cor. Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The Government Secret Service officers find plenty to do recently. "I was surprised to see a United States detective dogging the heels of the Argentine Minister on Broadway," said a Washington visitor. "But it is privately known that complaints have been made to the State Department that the Argentine people are engaged in furnishing supplies to the Chilian revolutionists. Hence this lookout, I suppose, that has been put upon this Representative of the Argentine Republic in this country. I happen to know the detective, otherwise the shadowing would probably never have been noticed. Speaking of the Secret Service, that bureau has been doing good service in Washington City. It was through one of them that young Raun was exposed. In a short time you will probably read in one of the daily papers about a more serious scandal than that of Raun and involving a much higher personage. Remember what I tell you."

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To the Editor: Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for consumption. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. Address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St., N. Y.

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GROWTH OF THE BICYCLE.

The First Rude Model Invented Early in the Century.

The rudimentary bicycle was mounted by Baron von Drals, a Frenchman living in Germany, who, early in this century, invented a combination of two wheels, a seat, and handles, which he called a "velocifere," to aid him in his work of overseeing large estates. The old cuts of this odd machine, called, after the inventor, the "draisine," show it to be in its general features the direct forerunner of the hobby-horse. "Draisons" were introduced into England in 1818, and a year later they were seen in America, on the streets of New York.

In both countries they met with great favor, and one historian relates that in New York "people rode them up and down the Bowery and on the parks, a favorite place for speed being the down grade from Chatham street to City Hall Park." Clumsy machines they seem to our eyes—two heavy wheels connected by a cross-bar, to which was attached midway the cushioned seat for the rider. In front of the seat was a raised cushion, upon which, handles in hand, the rider rested his forearms, guiding the machine. He propelled it by pushing alternately with his feet until the speed was sufficient to maintain equilibrium, when he would raise his feet and, in the words of a rider to-day, "coast."

The rage for these "Draisons," and "pedestrian curries," or "dandy-horses," and "hobby-horses," as the latter "improved" machines were called, subsided rapidly because of the difficulty of making them practically useful, and because of the ridicule always excited by the riders.

This curious sport of riding two wheels joined and running in the same perpendicular plane therefore languished in obscurity until after a lapse of more than forty years it again attracted public attention in a new form. It was in 1865 that a French mechanic, Pierre Lallemant, conceived the notion of attaching foot-cranks to the front wheel of the old-fashioned hobbyhorse. He made a machine embodying this idea, learned to ride it, and exhibited it at the Paris Exposition in 1867. The credit for this invention must be claimed in England for Edward Gillman, who, he the honor due to Frenchman or Englishman, here, at all events, was the immediate predecessor of the bicycle. It immediately became popular in both England and America.

A great many improvements and changes were necessary, of course, before the crude machine of Lallemant—the "velocipede" of thirty years ago—became the finished bicycle of to-day; but energetic business men in England, and later in this country, saw its possibilities, and began the manufacture of the machines. Improvement has followed improvement, until now there is little resemblance left to the old velocipede, or "boneshaker," as it was flippantly called, and it is difficult to imagine in what way a modern bicycle may be improved.

BOSTON'S "NIGHTCAP" FAD.

Dyspeptics are Making the Fortune of a Swedish Baker.

A piece of knackebrod and a glass of wine are now the thing in Boston just before going to bed. It is a crisp and dark-colored cake of bread, about the size and shape of a plate. There is a hole in the middle of it two or three inches across. It is made by a Swedish baker on Boylston street. He says it is much in use in Sweden because of its keeping qualities.

There they make up enough at one time to last three or four months, and, by means of the hole in the centre, they string it on long poles that are hung just below the ceiling. There is no yeast in it, but there is plenty of ground caraway seed I should judge by the taste.

A year ago nobody heard of it, and now the Swedish baker has all he can attend to making it. Dyspeptics use it more or less, for they are continually trying to find something new that is nutritious and yet won't hurt them.

I know a man who pays 75 cents a loaf for his bread. It is compounded of all sorts of queer things, and has to be made up as carefully as a druggist's prescription and baked with as much pains as a piece of china."

A SPANISH BAROMETER.

How Your Morning Cup of Coffee Will Tell the Weather for the Day.

American Architect.

According to the bright little Spanish building journal, the *Gaceta de Obras Publicas*, a cup of pure coffee, with the addition of a lump of sugar, forms an excellent barometer. The sugar should be put into the coffee without stirring, and, a moment afterward, a quantity of bubbles, due to the air contained in the sugar, will be seen to rise to the surface of the liquid. If the bubbles collect in the middle of the cup, the weather will be fair; if, on the contrary, they leave the centre, and adhere to the sides of the cup, forming a ring of bubbles, with a clear space in the middle, there will be rain; if they scatter themselves indifferently on the surface, the weather will be variable, while a cluster of bubbles at one side of the cup indicates rain. No one, apparently, has attempted to explain the connection between the behavior of the bubbles and atmospheric conditions, but it is said that the indications of the coffee-cup barometer generally agree with those of a mercurial barometer placed near by.

He Grows New Teeth

Indianapolis Journal.

A dentist of Moscow is reported to have discovered a method of supplying the human mouth with false teeth which will grow into the gums as firmly as natural ones. Dr. Znamensky has performed several successful operations on dogs as well as on human beings. The teeth are made of gutta percha, porcelain or metal. Holes are made at the root of the false tooth and then placed into the cavity. In a short time a soft granulated growth finds its way from the patient's jaw into the holes in the tooth; this growth gradually hardens and holds the tooth in position.

The Pennsylvania Railroad

Announce a series of personally conducted pleasure tours to Niagara Falls on July 23, August 6 and 20. The tourist agent and chaperon will accompany the party. The rate is \$10 for the round trip, and special train of parlor cars and day coaches will leave Baltimore and Potomac Station at 7:10 a. m. The tickets sold for these excursions will be good to stop off at Watkins Glen and Rochester in each direction within limit, and are good to return via Buffalo. Full particulars can be obtained by addressing Robert A. Parke, passenger agent, Pennsylvania Railroad, this city.

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ON NEW YORK'S RIALTO.

The Famous Lounging Place for Actors in the Dull Season.

New York Times.

The close of the dramatic season, now at hand, when the property man goes fishing and the traveling companies come straggling home, brings life again to the Rialto. This part of Broadway, from Twenty-third to Thirty-third streets, is a curious place in which to observe the Bohemian side of the actor's life, save and excepting the stars, who affect a more pretentious habitat.

Free-and-easy in his vagabond instincts, the average actor can always be depended upon to follow Scripture, in that he takes small heed of the morrow. When the season closes and with it the era of jollity and champagne, the stoppage of the weekly stipend causes a nervous reaction that finds vent in doleful remorse for past extravagance and amusing devices for bridging over the solstice.

A blind man turned loose among a knot of Rialto loungers could not fail to get his bearings by the peculiar patois that would greet his ears. It is a dialect easily recognized, but over which the unaccustomed tongue must stumble. But the eye is necessary to enjoy the Rialto, rather than the ear. It is a treat in itself to watch the Hamlet strut of the small tragedian as he strides across while trying to map out a new and reliable lunch route.

Only the eye can relish the heavy attitudinizing over a weather debate, the stager precision over commonplace, and the curl of ponderous eyebrows in a discussion affecting the merits of a five-cent cigar. The Rialto actor never forgets to preserve an amusing composure through all the trivial details of life. He handles a glass of beer with as much trained gravity as if he were viewing Yorick's skull at the footlights. To him the world's a stage, as big a sham as himself, and on its leve of pomp and show he feels he can rely for a living.

The student of human nature can pass a pleasant hour almost any time in the warm weather season lounging on the Rialto.

DESCENDANTS OF MONTEZUMA.

They are Still Flourishing and Drawing Pensions in Mexico.

City of Mexico Dispatch.

It is a curious fact that for 365 years the various governments in this country, colonial, imperial, and republican, have continued paying pensions to the heirs of Montezuma II. The family of the ancient royal race of the country seems to be in no danger of extinction, for each generation sees additions to the line. Many of the family live in this country, while there is a numerous section who reside in Spain, and there are among the Spanish branch many titled people. The Duke of Abrantes died last year, and his pension will now have to be divided among his five children by his first marriage—the Marquis of Sardoal, the Marquis of Puerto Seguro, the Count of Villaloba, the Marquis of Navamoredano, and the Marchioness of Ville de la Torre. By a later marriage the Duke had several children, who will also share in this pension. In addition to this family there are other Spanish descendants of Montezuma II.—the Marquis of Aguilera, the Marquis of Castellanos, and the Count of Miravalle. It is noted as a remarkable fact that during 365 years there has only been one instance of a marriage uniting two branches of the descendants of the Aztec monarch.

As the years run on the multiplication of inheritors of the pensions renders the subdivision of the sums a matter of considerable calculation, and the amounts become so small that often the legally authorized inheritors do not come forward to claim the amounts due them. It is known that for more than 500 years the genealogy of the royal line of Mexico has been carefully kept by the family, and, as before said, for the last 365 years the matter has been attended to by the various governments of Mexico. Probably there are few families anywhere who can trace their ancestry for five centuries without a single interruption. If there is anything in the theory of blue blood, the line of the Montezumas may lay claim to the possession of the genuine article.

The Capitol Guide and the Senator.

San Francisco Call.

Captain Kennedy, who has been a Capitol guide at Washington for a number of years, sat in the Palace yesterday and discussed the interesting features of the great seat of the Federal Government.

"The last time I saw Senator Hearst," said he, "I was explaining the frieze to a party of sight-seers, and just as I reached that portion representing the discovery of gold the old Senator passed with Congressman Clunie."

"A funny idea occurred to me at that moment, and I said in a loud tone: 'Ladies and gentlemen, that picture represents Senator George Hearst in the act of discovering gold in California in 1849.' The younger and more handsome gentleman who stands next him, Thomas Jackson Clunie, now in Congress from his native State, by the way, then the Senator passing, and Congressman Clunie is now with him, as he was at the time of the gold discovery."

"A few minutes later the old Senator returned and slipped a \$20 gold piece into my hand."

"It's all right this time, my boy," he said good-naturedly, "but don't give any one else that story in future."

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The proprietors of King's Palace desire to call your attention to the fact that their stock of millinery and wraps is now complete, and they are in a position to give to the ladies of this city extraordinary good values in the above department. Their reputation as the leaders in the millinery line is such an established fact that none dare to dispute this claim. The stock of millinery comprises all the latest productions from the foreign and domestic markets, and their array of imported pattern hats and bonnets with the production of their fine work-room and their stock of untrimmed hats and bonnets is treble that of any other establishment in this city. They have every shape, manufactured in all the latest shades of gray, tans, and brown, and their prices are exceptionally the lowest. They guarantee you a saving of 30 per cent. on your purchase. They would call your attention to the great guessing contest for a free tour of Europe. Every purchaser is entitled to a guess for a trip to Europe, free of all expense. We refer you for further information to their advertisement on the fifth page of this paper.

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